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TO: LME Directors
FROM: Leza Wainwright 
**RE: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Related
Admissions in Community Hospital Emergency Departments, SFY 2008-09**

Enclosed please find the annual report of the *Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Related Admissions in Community Hospital Emergency Departments, SFY 2008-09*. This report covers information on Emergency Department admissions among individuals with mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse diagnoses for fiscal year SFY 2008-09. The graphs and tables showcasing patterns of admission during the 4th quarter of the fiscal year are given in Appendix A.

The data presented in this report has been collected through the North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT). The system was created by the North Carolina Division of Public Health (NC DPH) in 2004 to address the need for early detection and timely public health surveillance in North Carolina using a variety of secondary data sources. As of March 5, 2009, 111 of 112 (99%) North Carolina hospitals are submitting data on a daily basis in to NC DETECT.

This report presents information at both State and county levels for admissions with a behavioral health and /or developmental disability primary or secondary diagnosis. If you have any questions on the data presented in this report, please send them via electronic mail to ContactDMHQuality@ncmail.net

Enclosure (1)

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